

created countless opportunities for community members to enjoy a better quality of life, secure hope for the future and reach their full potential. OHA will continue his work of building a brighter future for generations to come.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Mr. Jon Gresley, I salute you. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

HONORING THE SMITHSONIAN
JAZZ MASTERWORKS ORCHESTRA:
20 YEARS OF ENGAGEMENT,
EDUCATION, AND EXCELLENCE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, in 1990, the Congress recognized the importance of jazz in American culture when it authorized the establishment of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra (SJMO).

As the Nation's jazz orchestra, the SJMO regularly performs the great works of jazz. Throughout its 20 years, the orchestra has distinguished itself as one of the crown jewels of the Smithsonian—which is itself, a pre-eminent national treasure.

The band has performed for audiences at the Smithsonian Institution, Kennedy Center, White House, U.S. Capitol, Harlem's famed Apollo Theater, the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, and prestigious music festivals like Ravinia and the Monterey Jazz Festival. The ensemble has traveled prolifically and performed at many American schools and colleges, as well as in Canada, Europe, and the Middle East. On a 2008 State Department-sponsored tour of Egypt, the Orchestra won many new friends for the United States. After an outdoor performance at the Pyramids and Sphinx, the Cairo Daily News raved, "The backdrop was incredible, the band was superb."

Other critical reaction has been enthusiastic. Wrote The New York Times: "Culturally important. . . . spectacular musically. After being embalmed on recordings, the music suddenly came alive." Syndicated columnist David S. Broder wrote, "The impact of these live performances is everything the showmen, scholars, and politicians who brought this small miracle to pass imagined it might be. It is electrifying. . . ."

While the SJMO is not the only jazz orchestra in America, it is unique. As the only federally-chartered jazz orchestra, it enjoys a position of prestige and influence. As the only such ensemble with resident status at a museum, it's in a unique position to bring the jazz legacy to life.

The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra educates the public about the history and development of jazz as an art form and means of entertainment. It promotes a greater appreciation for jazz as a valuable American treasure by performing jazz masterworks, and presenting educational activities that engage the public with this great music.

Further contributing to its status, the orchestra is led by the internationally famous Maestro David Baker—the world's leading jazz educator, author of over 70 books and 400 arti-

cles, and recent recipient of the prestigious American Jazz Masters Award given by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Madam Speaker, the orchestra has special expertise in engaging and educating its audiences—young and old—about this vital part of American culture. I am pleased to recognize its service and accomplishments over the past 20 years.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
JAMES M. FERRARA

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lance Corporal James M. Ferrara who received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for meritorious duty on March 13, 2010. While on duty as patrolman at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, Lance Corporal Ferrara was dispatched to the base motor pool after he received reports of an injured person. Without hesitation, Lance Corporal Ferrara rushed off to the scene and quickly identified the victim who was suffering from a severe laceration with substantial loss of blood. Drawing upon his extensive emergency medical training, Lance Corporal Ferrara immediately delivered first aid, and probably saved the victim's life.

The men and women of our Armed Forces serve with an incomparable sense of duty. They are willing to sacrifice their lives to keep our country safe and free. In his service, Lance Corporal Ferrara exemplified the bravery and courage routinely displayed by those who serve in our military. The residents of New Jersey's Third District are grateful for the service of Lance Corporal Ferrara.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lance Corporal Ferrara for his bravery and responsiveness under challenging circumstances.

IN HONOR OF LATINO COALITION
AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL
VIOLENCE, INC.

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Inc. for their dedicated service to Latino communities in 92 counties across Indiana.

The Latino Coalition, founded as a nonprofit corporation in 2004, has worked to eliminate domestic and sexual violence by focusing on the contributing conditions affecting Latino communities and immigrant populations in Indiana. Today, the Latino Coalition is the only statewide coalition of its kind in the United States that addresses the causes of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Latino community. Due to the tireless efforts of the Latino Coalition, men and women throughout Indiana have been able to extricate themselves from violent relationships, protect their children and improve their self confidence. This organiza-

tion serves as a model for other groups seeking to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence in the United States.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Latino Coalition for its distinguished efforts in improving the quality of life for victims of domestic violence and their families in the Latino community. This organization serves as an example to community organizations everywhere.

FINDINGS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND LABOR RELATING TO EFFICIENCY
AND REFORM PURSUANT
TO H. RES. 1493

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, in fulfillment of House Committee chair responsibilities per H. Res. 1493 (111th Congress), below are "findings that identify changes in law that help achieve deficit reduction by reducing waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, promoting efficiency and reform of government, and controlling spending within Government programs" the Committee on Education and Labor authorizes. The measures discussed below are pending before Congress. If enacted, the legislation would promote efficient government and allow the agencies and departments within the jurisdiction of the Committee to more effectively serve the public.

In addition to the pending measures discussed below, this Congress has already enacted changes in the law in the Committee's jurisdiction that will significantly reduce the deficit. Specifically, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, included with health insurance reform in last year's Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4872), will save billions of taxpayer dollars in needless subsidies to banks lending to students. The Committee shares jurisdiction over the health care reform law enacted earlier this year through H.R. 4872 and H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Among other things, these reforms reduce the rate of increase in government health care expenditures, encourage prevention and wellness, and shift to new effective health care payment mechanisms. The Congressional Budget Office reports that they will reduce the deficit by \$143 billion over the next 10 years and by \$1.2 trillion in the following 10 years.

A. MINE SAFETY—ROBERT C. BYRD MINER SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 2010 (H.R. 5663)

Recent mine disasters and subsequent investigations and reviews have highlighted that the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) does not have the authority it needs to efficiently enforce the Nation's mine safety laws.

Under current law, MSHA may only subpoena documents and witnesses as part of an investigation of a mine disaster if the material is to be used in a public hearing. This has hamstrung MSHA's efforts to efficiently receive relevant documents in a timely manner. The Byrd Act would grant MSHA authority to subpoena documents and testimony without regard to whether the material is for a public